

Spies Confess Sending Aero Plans to Foe

Drawings of Stabilizers Given to Germans, Prisoners Say

Two Men Run Down By Federal Agents

Hans Jacobson and Court Counsel Recommended for Internment

Through a secret avenue of communication drawings and specifications of a most confidential character concerning gyroscopes and stabilizers for aeroplanes have been conveyed to the German Foreign Office from spies in this country.

This phase of the espionage activities of Teutonic agents in the United States was revealed yesterday when two enemy aliens, arrested by agents of the Department of Justice, broke down while they were being interrogated by Chief Charles F. De Woody and made a complete confession. Mr. De Woody has recommended their immediate internment. The evidence in the case will be turned over to the United States Attorney for whatever action he may deem advisable.

The prisoners are Hans Jacobson, of 200 Manhattan Avenue, who has been employed by the Audiger & Meyer Silk Company, of 440 Fourth Avenue, since he came to this country from Germany, seven years ago, and Court Counsel, thirty-two years old, of 1851 Seventy-fifth Street, Brooklyn, a draftsman formerly employed by the Sperry Gyroscope Company to work on confidential drawings.

The arrests are the result of three weeks' clever work by agents of the Department of Justice, acting under instructions from Chief De Woody. It has been known for some time that the Germans have been receiving reports from agents in this country on new inventions and equipment for the United States. When the agents discovered that Germany not only had the plans and drawings of the gyroscope and stabilizer, but had accurate reports on the transports carrying them across the ocean, Chief De Woody was requested to investigate.

His agents soon found the leak and gained the assistance of the spies. After that the work of finding the lines of communication was started. This work has been completed and all implicated in the plot are now in internment camps or have fled from the country.

Court first came to the United States from Berlin in 1910 as sales agent for his father, who is a wealthy manufacturer. Realizing that the German-made machine was not the equal of the American product, he returned to Germany and designed a better machine. He came here again in 1912 to sell the new machine, but was unable to make a success in the sewing machine business.

Introduced to Papan
Shortly after the outbreak of war, in 1914, he applied for a position in the Sperry Company, and was put to work on gyroscopes. In February, 1915, he met Jacobson and told him that he was then in a position to secure copies of gyroscope drawings of the most confidential character. They talked for some time and decided to communicate with the German Embassy in Washington.

Through the secretary to the German Consul General in New York they were introduced to Hans Jacobson, Papan, the German military attaché, and spy master, at the German Club, in Fifty-ninth Street. He approved of the same and directed them to produce the drawings and to representatives of the German government at the German Club in 1915 and 1916 and up to January, 1917, when the embassy staff was preparing for the break between the United States and Germany.

After the German Embassy was closed the pair went to the offices of the Hamburg firm of Leide, where they told Paul Koenig, director of the line's secret service, of the work they had been doing. He urged them to draw up and instruct that all drawings and information be forwarded to him. After our declaration of war the information regarding transport sailings was conveyed to German agents in England, who in turn delivered it to the commanders of U-boats operating off the British coast.

Dives Off 'L' Platform To Escape Arrest

Suspected Thief Eludes Police- man, but Is Recaptured on House Roof

A forty-foot dive, unburnt, from the rail of an elevated platform was only an incident in the flight of Paul Fisher, 329 East Nineteenth Street, who was pursued last night by police officers of the Delancy-Canarsie train after he had been accused of taking \$140 from a man's pocket.

Fisher's trouble began when Isaac Lipschitz, 340 Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn, sprang from his seat as the train was nearing Atlantic Avenue and said that his money had been taken. In the confusion Fisher made his way to the platform, where a dozen men held him until the Lavonia Avenue station was reached. Then he was turned over to Special Officer Katinsky.

As Katinsky started for the street Fisher broke away and jumped from the platform. He ran toward Blake Avenue, with the officer and a crowd at his heels. As Blake and Snedick avenues Fisher ran into a three-story tenement building and climbed over through a skylight.

The pursuit continued over the roofs. Cornered, Fisher held off his pursuers with bricks torn from a chimney until Detectives Burke and Cohen overpowered and arrested him. Lipschitz entered a charge of grand larceny.

"Get Busy" Squad Arrests 25

The "Get Busy" squad of the Jersey City Police Department selected twenty-five young men yesterday afternoon from a line in front of a theatre ticket office on Newark Avenue and took them to headquarters to explain their leisure. Thirteen of them convinced the police they had employment and were turned loose. The others were locked up.

Patriotic Kin Win Leniency for Old Man

Bohemian With Four Grandsons in Service Must Go to Jail for Utterances

Frank Gerney, eighty-one years old, who has four grandsons in the United States military service, was sentenced yesterday in the Gates Avenue police court, Brooklyn, to thirty days in the workhouse for scribbling on a theatrical poster "Wilson, traitor of Washington." Only the patriotic record of other members of his family saved him from severe punishment, said Magistrate Reynolds, who had been informed of the old man's utterances.

Gerney originally came from Bohemia. Hugo Steidel, an employee of the Submarine Boat Corporation, who was arrested in Newark, N. J., and held for further examination, is accused of saying the American army is a bunch of "fakers" and "liberty bonds are not worth the paper they are printed on." "The American soldier doesn't know what he is fighting for" and "before the American people know it the Kaiser will be over here and there will be no more democracy."

Anna Held Contracts Bronchial Pneumonia

Although Realizing She Is Much Worse, Actress Re- mains Cheerful

Anna Held, whose recovery after weeks of illness from pernicious anemia was regarded as assured, has suffered a relapse that probably will prove fatal, her physician, Dr. E. M. Overton, of 75 West Fifty-sixth Street, said yesterday. In the last two days she has contracted bronchial pneumonia, seriously complicating the condition caused by the original disease.

"The relapse might come in a few days," said Dr. Overton, "and then again the patient may live two or three weeks." Miss Held realized that her condition was becoming worse, Dr. Overton said, but maintained the same cheerful attitude which has upheld her.

U. S. Increases Carmen's Pay; May Raise Fare

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President Wilson has been deeply concerned as to the electric railway situation in many of the states, and has been strongly solicitous that the essential service rendered by these transportation lines be kept at high efficiency and that the bankruptcy of any of the important companies and systems averted. Representatives of the National War Labor Board, the Federal Reserve Bank, the War Relocation Administration, the Capital Issues Committee, the American Federation of Labor and other organizations have strongly urged upon the President the necessity of Federal action in the matter of street railway rates, and the President has been urged either to take over and operate the street railways or to authorize the Federal steam railroads or to assume a Federal power to fix these intra-city rates during the war.

Letter to President

The letter to President Wilson containing the recommendations, in part, follows:

"Dear Mr. President: We understand that you are now considering ways and means for assuring the maintenance of adequate rates for the operation of street and electric railways during the war period. The subject is of such importance that the war committee of the Utilities Commission of Railway and Public Utilities has given it the most thorough consideration at a session held in Washington this week.

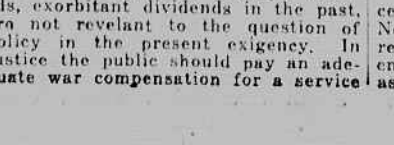
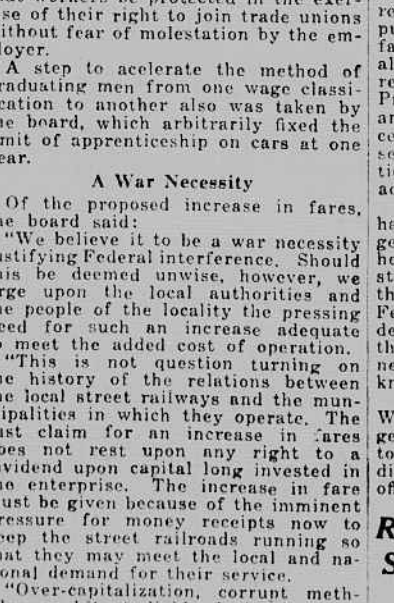
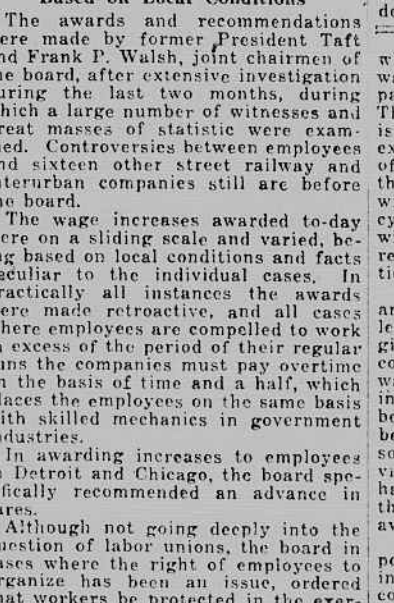
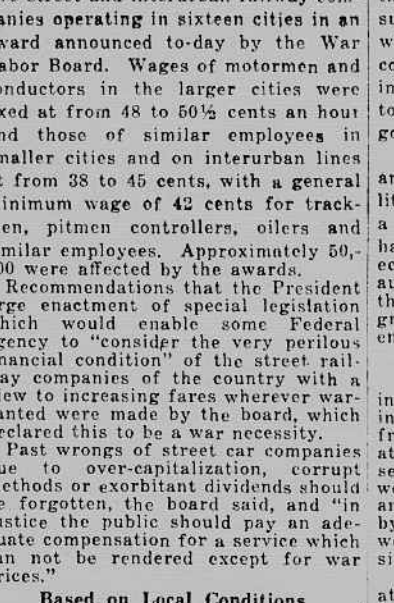
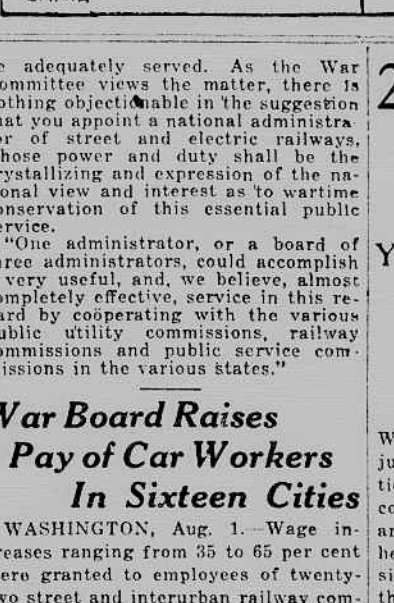
This letter will outline to you a plan and procedure for dealing with the problems of these utilities and a basis of affording emergency relief, where needed, and, at the same time, conserving the public service rendered by them.

"The members of the war committee realize keenly the public importance of the situation as to the electric railway rates. As we believe, the public interest, as are also, we believe, the public service commissions of the various states, of cooperating in every way possible with you and with other public authorities in the maintenance of the public utility of high operating efficiency, and that, therefore, you have a right to urge upon the companies and upon the public authorities the adoption of measures as may seem most likely to avert the dangers which in many instances threaten.

"It would seem clear that whatever action is taken under Federal auspices or otherwise, should properly recognize that each application for an increase in rates or a curtailment in service should be carefully considered and determined upon by a body of men, representative of the public interest. Not every application which is made should be granted; not every rate should be increased above the figure charged before the war. No way should be opened whereby the existence of a wartime emergency could be made a cloak or cover for an effort to rehabilitate enterprises unprofitable and foredoomed to failure before the war started. No Federal action should seek to prompt an increase greater than is warranted by the burdens placed upon the particular utility by the war.

"But at this time we are considering methods of administration rather than questions of authority. We feel that the national emergency calls for action. Utilities must be safeguarded. Capital must not be driven away from this avenue of investment. The people, and all governmental activities, must

Oh, Man!



22 Slacker Alley Cats and Cootie Pals Must Disband, Says Court

Yonkers Judge Deaf to Woman's Plea That Her Feline Army Be Permitted to Bivouac in the Woods and Merely Take "Table Board" at Home

YONKERS, Aug. 1.—Mrs. John De Wint, of 612 Warburton Avenue, has just a week to sever diplomatic relations with the twenty-two cats whose constant presence about her home aroused the neighborhood to summon her and her husband to Special Sessions on Monday. In the three days that have elapsed Mrs. De Wint has succeeded in getting rid of no cats whatever, and, indeed, her visit to court to-day was for the purpose of imploring Judge William F. Bleakley to change his mind and permit her to go on feeding them.

Getting rid of the cats was simply an impossibility, she declared, as the little cats absolutely refused to take a hint. At this point Judge Bleakley had to rap sternly for order owing to the cries of "Cooties!" from the audience, some of whom were among those that had complained of the migratory and intensely inquisitive fleas emanating from the twenty-two cats.

Pals of Vulgar Fleas

After quelling the vulgar disturbance in his court, Judge Bleakley got more information from the neighbors and from Mr. De Wint, who is a New York attorney, about the cats, and then presented his ultimatum. If those cats were not utterly discouraged, dispersed and eliminated from the community by next Thursday, he declared, he would impose a state of startling dimensions.

Mr. De Wint evinced active interest at this. He had spent \$1,500 a year, he declared, providing milk and meat, which cannot be rendered except for war purposes. The credit of these cats, he said, was in jeopardy. Their ability to borrow money was limited. In the face of added expenses which this and other awards of needed and fair compensation to their employees would involve, such credit will completely disappear. Bankruptcy, receiverships and demoralization with failure of service must be the result, hence our urgent recommendation on this head.

The War Finance Corporation, with an available fund of \$500,000,000 to lend war industries, is prepared to give financial assistance to some of the companies for whose employees higher wages were ordered. The corporation insists, however, that companies' credit be good, and that adequate security be furnished. It is impossible for some companies to furnish this, in view of the fact that their revenues have not kept pace with expenses. For these companies there is no direct help available in Washington.

Directors of the War Finance Corporation, however, are said to be willing to investigate applications from companies with impaired credit, and to recommend informally to state or local public service commissions that the fare increases for the railways be allowed. It was to stimulate this local responsibility for local problems that President Wilson, Secretary McAdoo and the War Finance Corporation recently issued statements urging public service bodies to expedite consideration of applications of utilities for rate advances.

President Wilson is understood to have declined to act recently on a suggestion of the War Labor Board that he take some drastic action to increase street car fares generally throughout the country on the ground that the Federal government should not shoulder the financial responsibilities for thousands of utility projects whose needs and nature of service are best known locally.

Persistent reports that President Wilson might take over street car lines generally and turn over their operation to the Railroad Administration were discredited specifically to-day by high officials.

Rochester Traction Man Says 7-Cent Fare Is Needed

ROCHESTER, Aug. 1.—That a seven-cent fare on Rochester lines of the New York State railways would be required to pay the increase granted employees by the War Labor Board was asserted to-night by James F. Hamil-

Shoes and Ships And Sealing Wax

Germany, it appears, is suffering more from Spanish influenza than the Allies are from Krupp.

Disappointment is going to fill the hearts of a newly wed couple from Muncie, Ind., when they arrive at the Waldorf and find that the bridegroom's instructions have not been carried out. "The young lady that I am about to marry," he wrote, "demands that we spend our honeymoon in Peacock Alley. I hope soon to leave for France and have given my word that we will do as she wishes. Please reserve your best suite in this part of the hotel."

"I know the Kaiser," said Fred Hollman, an enemy alien of Far Rockaway, "and he is all right."

"You are going to know the keeper of the workhouse quite well, too," Magistrate Doyle told him yesterday. "You'll be there three months."

Tut-tut, "E. B." if it hadn't been for you we'd never have thought of asserting that German hopes in Russia appear to be on the bomb.

Hoover marriages are the fashion in the Church of Our Lady of Spiritual Help, Brooklyn, nowadays. The parish publication had announced that hereafter marriages of this sort would be held at the church. Old shoes, the organ believes, are also too valuable to be used as missiles.

Women who dare to talk to soldiers on the streets of Hempstead, Long Island, will run into the danger of arrest hereafter. Conversations of this sort have been impeding traffic recently, and two women have been appointed to the police force to cut them short from now on.

Here's Dan Slack, readers, the motor cowboy of Plum Brook, St. Lawrence county, N. Y. It is a long walk from his river pasture where he keeps the cows to the barn where he milks them. Dan doesn't walk any longer. Morning and night he cranks up the Ford and goes bounding over hill and dale to round up the cattle and drive them to or from pasture.

Thinks-Burleson Will Retain Wire Chiefs

Carlton Says He Has Assurance
No Change Is Planned
in Near Future

Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, said yesterday that their lines were operating just as if there had been no change of control, and that so far as they knew no immediate changes would become operative.

Both executives, in joint conferences with directors of their companies, Mr. Carlton said he expected to remain executive of the Western Union service for some time. If the government saw fit to disperse with his services, he said, he would devote his attention to his duties as president of the Western Union. Mr. Carlton said he understood that the government would not change for the present in the labor policy of the Federalized wire service. He said Mr. Burleson had said nothing about changes in service rates or in wages of employees.

Mr. Vail was asked if he thought the telephone and telegraph service would ever be returned by the government to the control of the Standard Oil Company. "Your guess is as good as mine on that point," said Mr. Vail.

Swann Stops Sale Of Dolls on 'Buses

Money Supposedly for War Camp Fund, but Account- ing Not Obtainable

District Attorney Swann, while riding on a Fifth Avenue bus recently, was approached by a boy in a Boy Scout uniform, who asked him to buy some paper dolls dressed to represent our allies. That started an investigation on the part of the prosecutor which resulted in a visit yesterday of Mrs. Estelle Allison, of 200 West Fifty-fourth Street, to Mr. Swann's office.

Mrs. Allison runs the sale of the dolls, and she says the proceeds are turned over to the War Camp Community Service, Madison Avenue, of which Arthur Williams is the head.

"I found," said Mr. Swann, "that the boy on the bus, while he said he was a Boy Scout, was a member of a different organization. I also found that, while Mrs. Allison has been turning some funds over to the War Camp Community Service, there is no way of auditing their accounts. Mrs. Allison has not furnished a satisfactory statement of her activities."

"These boys in uniform sell the dolls at street car stations, and on the Fifth Avenue stages. The money they are acting under authority of Colonel Roosevelt, Secretary of War Baker and Raymond B. Fosdick, of the Committee of War Training Camp Activities."

South Beach Made "Dry"

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Green Apples Suspected of Causing Convicts' Strike

OSSENING, Aug. 1.—Because country cooking failed to appeal to appetites grown accustomed to the catering at Sing Sing, twelve convicts, rusticated at the Windgate farm, discovered themselves ill to-day and refused to work. Harry Friedberg and Anthony Morello, well known to the prison, among the strikers. All were sent back to their cells.

"I don't think the state food was to blame," said the prison physician after visiting the returned strikers. "There's an unprotected orchard near the state farm, and in my opinion, the trouble came from green apples."

Seven Killed as Wall Falls at Peekskill Fire

Flames in Fleischmann Company's Warehouse Cause \$250,000 Loss

Inquiry Is Started By Local Official

Blaze, Second in the Plant Within Week, Laid to Spontaneous Combustion

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Seven men, six of them members of the volunteer fire department of this city, were killed early this morning when a wall of a burning grain warehouse of the Fleischmann Manufacturing Company crashed down upon them. Four others were injured. The building, with its contents, consisting of 100 carloads of grain, was destroyed, with a loss of \$250,000. Company officials expressed the belief that the fire was due to spontaneous combustion, but a thorough inquiry is under way, as it is the second fire in the plant within a week.

The dead are Dr. C. F. Green, John Torpy, George Cassells, James Sillick, Clarence Lockwood, Louis Barmore and Louis Coles. All save Coles, who was an employee of the Fleischmann company, were firemen. Only the bodies of Dr. Green, Torpy and Cassells have been recovered so far.

The Injured

The injured are William Kelly, who suffered a fracture of the leg; Ray O'Connell, fractured leg; Harry Hart, fractured ribs, and James Manning, cuts.

It was about 4 a. m., four hours after the fire was discovered, that the wall fell. For four hours the firemen had been pouring water into the furnace and the walls were bulging from the pressure of the swelling grain within. The Standard Oil Company, which owns the wall and Cassells was climbing a ladder, to batter in the iron shutters that the streams of water might have fuller play on the fire. Suddenly a section of the wall toppled, overhanging a section of the roof, and then overwhelmed him in a cascade of bricks. The others rushed to his rescue and, as they reached the spot where the Standard Oil man lay, they found him outward, remaining intact above their heads for a paralyzing instant, and then crashed down upon them.

Buried by Debris

Those who were killed were buried several feet deep in the debris. The injured were knocked down and more or less hidden from view. The shock of the falling wall, the mass of bricks hit the ground brought the entire fighting force and hundreds of spectators to the spot. While firemen sprayed a barrage of water against the Standard Oil man, the Standard Oil man was still on the ground, and the debris was still falling. The Standard Oil man was still on the ground, and the debris was still falling.

Father-in-Law Sued By Chorus Girl Wife

Divorce Petition Seeks Not Only \$50 Alimony, but \$100,000 for Alienation

Dorothy Gates Herrman, a former Winter Garden "pony," yesterday asked the Supreme Court to award her \$50 a week alimony and \$500 counsel fees in a separation suit which she has brought against Philip Herrman, to whom she was married in 1915, when he was a student at Harvard.

Mrs. Herrman also is suing her father-in-law, James S. Herrman, for \$100,000 damages for alleged alienation of affections.

Mrs. Herrman was under the age of consent when he married. His father's suit to have the marriage annulled failed. In her separation suit Mrs. Herrman alleges that her husband abandoned her. She submitted to the court two letters to prove that Herrman and not she did the wooing in the courtship before their secret marriage.

What Is Going On To-day

ONE MEAL WHEATLESS
WAR SAVINGS STAMP DRIVE
CAMPAIGN FOR RED CROSS WAR
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
CAMPAIGN FOR OVERSEAS WORKERS
Free admission to the American Museum of Natural History, New York Zoological Park, Van Cortlandt Park Museum, and the Museum of Science and Industry, Bronx, for the benefit of the Home Service Department of the County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Home Service Department of the County Chapter of the American Red Cross is now open at the American Museum of Natural History, New York.